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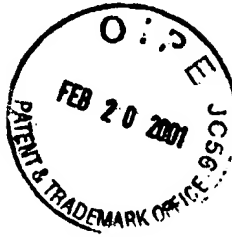
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PETITION FOR ONE MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

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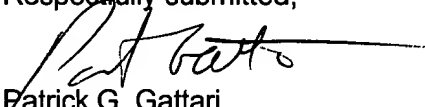
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.136(a), applicant respectfully petitions for a one (1) month extension of time to file a Response to the Office Action of December 13, 2000. The new time for filing such response is February 13, 2001, extended pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.136(a) and 1.17(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 04-0010 for One Hundred Ten Dollars and no/100 (\$110.00) for the extension of time fee. An original plus two copies of this letter are enclosed for accounting purposes. If any other charges are incurred or credited, please charge Deposit Account shown above.

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